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Denver CO 80202-1129 Re: Consultation with the EPA

You write to inquire whether the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe would like to consult with the EPA on the Dewey-Burdock proposal for in situ uranium mining near Edgemont, South Dakota. The Answer is Yes. Under Executive Order 13175, you must consult with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe about this dangerous project.

The 1868 Sioux Nation Treaty established the Great Sioux Reservation as the permanent home of the Great Sioux Nation, for our absolute and undisturbed use and occupancy, including all territory from the low water mark on the east bank of the Missouri River west to the South Dakota border. The Great Sioux Reservation included the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Cheyenne River and the Missouri River, among others.

The United States unconstitutionally seized the Black Hills from the Great Sioux Nation to allow for non-Indians to come in and mine gold. The Homestake Gold Mine was the biggest gold mine in the western hemisphere, and our people suffered from the toxic heavy metals that the mine dumped into our rivers, since those heavy metals ended up in our livestock, our drinking water and our people.

We are very concerned that the Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Mining will end up with the same result, devastating pollution, contamination of the lands and waters, devastation of wildlife and livestock, poisoning of the drinking water, and poisoning of our people.

The blue represents the thunderclouds above the world where live the thunder birds who control the four winds. The rainbow is for the Cheyenne River Sioux people who are keepers of the Most Sacred Calf Pipe, a gift from the White Buffalo Calf Maiden. The eagle feathers at the edges of the rim of the world represent the spotted eagle who is the protector of all Lakota. The two pipes fused together are for unity. One pipe is for the Lakota, the other for all the other Indian Nations. The yellow hoops represent the Sacred Hoop, which shall not be broken. The Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle in red represents Wakan Tanka – The Great Mystery. All the colors of the Lakota are visible. The red, yellow, black and white represent the four major races. The blue is for heaven and the green for Mother Earth.

The EPA should come to Eagle Butte, South Dakota to consult with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe on this potentially disastrous proposal. The contact person is Chairman Harold Frazier, 605-964-4155 attn: Remi Bald Eagle. Please make arrangements through the Chairman's office to consult with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HCF', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harold C. Frazier  
Chairman